Request for Publicity of Tourist Destinations in Maharashtra

2119. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has requested the Central Government to provide adequate publicity to different tourist destinations in the State in its Overseas Publicity Campaign;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter; and

(c) what other incentives are proposed to be given so as to increase the arrival of foreign tourists in Bombay and Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Publicising tourist attractions of various states including Maharashtra in the Overseas Markets is a continuous process by the Department of Tourism.

(b) and (c) In order to promote tourism to India including Maharashtra, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments for promotion of major fairs and festivals, production of publicity material, development of tourism infrastructure familiarisation tours of Travel Agents and Travel Media. Tourist publicity material on various states including Maharashtra is also distributed through Government of India Tourist Offices in India and abroad.

Action Plan on South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement

@2120. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation have prepared an action plan to implement the South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the member countries have prepared any concrete projects of Cooperation among themselves bilaterally or multilaterally ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) The member countries of SAARC signed the framework agreement for the establishment of a South Asian Preferential Trading Arrangement at Dhaka in April 1993. The Agreement, which will enter into force thirty days after the SAARC Secretariat notifies that all Contracting States have completed the formalities, provides for the establishment of the SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement to promote and sustain mutual trade and economic cooperation among Contracting States through exchange of concessions. In accordance with the agreement, Contracting States have now to take the next step of negotiating tariff preferences on a product-by-product basis.

संसद सदस्यों की ओर से प्राप्त पत्र/अभ्यावेदन

2121. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वाणिज्य मंत्री को पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान संसद सदस्यों की ओर से कितने पत्र/आवेदन पत्र/अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) कितने मामलों में पन्द्रह दिनों के अन्दर पावती भेज दी गई थी और ऐसे कितने मामले हैं जिनके संबंध में अभी तक अन्तिम उत्तर नहीं भेजा गया है;

(ग) पन्द्रह दिनों के अन्दर पावती तथा तीन महीनों के अन्दर अन्तिम उत्तर न भेजने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) पावती तथा अन्तिम उत्तर न भेजने अथवा इसमें विलम्ब करने और संसद सदस्यों को गुमराह करने के संबंध में कितने अधिकारियों को दोषी पाया गया है और उन्हें क्या दण्ड दिया गया है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामलों और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (घ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Export of Mica Products

2122. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the countries where Mica and Mica pro-

@ Previously unstarred Question 1086 transferred from 4-8-93.

ducts were exported during the last three years and the amount and value of the export to those countries with year-wise break-up; and

(b) the total quantity and value of the Mica exported to the general currency area in the same period with year-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement

Qty. : in Kgs.
Val. : in Rs. lakhs

Country	1990-91		1991-92		1992-93	
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
Australia	40673	3.79	6250	2.74	40457	12.00
Belgium	1727000	128.82	1818050	69.50	4011800	327.52
Bulgaria	3000	5.07	—	—	5000	13.37
Canada	17593	7.29	—	—	31049	8.54
Chile	38002	4.79	550	1.47	20000	1.30
Chinese Taipei	69850	12.04	205900	12.60	123101	18.06
China P Rp	1826	2.13	17601	9.06	—	—
@ Czechoslovk	660231	81.52	281	4.72	—	—
Egypt	58200	10.41	—	—	61000	3.27
Finland	—	—	184001	12.35	339000	21.98
France	779305	40.03	896670	66.40	580800	68.55
German F Rp	7586394	631.57	6357481	316.24	3563156	247.51
Hong Kong	5301	19.60	1483	6.14	860	3.44
Indonesia	274040	6.97	220000	8.99	20000	1.17
Italy	50779	12.71	51639	13.46	59044	18.38
Japan	6212654	479.23	4527757	385.60	4768093	568.10
Korea Dp Rp	168601	27.89	20002	41.28	41600	14.51
Korea Rp	509802	79.15	692304	84.23	376700	44.77
Libya	250000	6.16	—	—	500000	21.13
Malaysia	20203	1.97	16140	10.32	400	1.43
Netherland	1230133	34.35	821171	38.61	815010	38.94
New Zealand	25000	1.32	22000	2.28	11000	0.95
Norway	3738323	76.19	2541002	78.43	900000	38.88
Philippines	2600	5.78	21115	8.89	59986	17.41
@ Poland	95756	9.75	555800	29.08	158660	18.13
@ Romania	250001	67.83	403055	76.27	—	—
Saudi Arab	107000	2.62	270950	9.40	845494	38.65
Singapore	993265	35.45	773174	43.03	548137	50.45
Spain	671253	77.30	700889	78.37	606478	61 56
Switzerland	470	0.94	27195	25.03	100	1 22

Thailand	255716	10.73	195138	9.18	256000	13.72
Turkey	—	—	—	—	30000	7.67
U.A.E.	228200	4.77	442001	11.80	637980	29.14
U. K.	8069939	216.04	5115046	216.79	3305755	164.71
U.S.A.	5774512	448.30	5578169	553.50	3648156	503.87
@C.I.S.	*1675143	901.66	532160	1015.63	—	—
Yugoslavia	2000	7.23	3600	5.97	500	3.58
Others	215607	9.86	1300520	268.7	429120	20.04
TOTAL :	41998418	3484.29	34413525	3524.61	26795351	2410.85

*Previously U.S.S.R.
SOURCE : DGCI&S, Calcutta.

Tea Gardens Run by Government

2123. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number and details of the gardens being run by the Central Government as public undertakings;

(b) whether these gardens are running in profit or loss; and

(c) if in loss, the details thereof for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The gardens under the control of public sector undertakings are listed below :

(1) Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd: Looksan Tea Estate, Pashok Tea Estate, Vah-Tukvar Tea Estate, Potong Tea Estate and Pathini Tea Estate.

(2) M/s. Andrew Yule & Co. Mim Tea Estate, Banarhat Tea Estate, Karballa Tea Estate, New Dooars Tea Estate, Choona Bhutti Tea Estate, Khowang Tea Estate, Desam Tea Estate, Basmatia Tea Estate, Hoolungooree Tea Estate, Rajgarh Tea Estate, Tinkong Tea Estate and Murphulani Tea Estate.

(b) and (c) Details of profit/loss of the above mentioned gardens for the years 1989-90 to 1991-92 are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of Profit/Loss of Tea Gardens Run by Central Public Sector Undertakings

Name of the Tea Estate	Profit/Loss		(Rs./Lakhs)
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
(A) *Gardens under Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd.*			
(1) Looksan Tea Estate	70.81	51.89	(—)0.15
(2) Pathini Tea Estate	(—)31.71	(—)87.68	(—)85.75
(3) Pashok Tea Estate	(—)10.19	(—)26.31	(—)41.90
(4) Vah-Tukvar Tea Estate	(—)13.20	(—)17.10	(—)42.00
(5) Potong Tea Estate	1.85	(—)3.96	(—)3.52
(B) *Gardens under Andrew and Yule Co. Ltd.*			
(1) Mim Tea Estate	1.30	4.20	(—)18.31